



**WORK SESSION of the Greenbelt City Council held Wednesday, June 23, 2004, for the purpose of reviewing the FY 2005 Capital Projects Budget.**

Mayor Davis started the meeting at 8:06 p.m. It was held in the Senior Classroom of the Community Center.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, Edward V.J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Judith F. Davis.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager; Jeffrey Williams, City Treasurer; Celia Craze, Director of Planning and Community Development; Deirdre Allen, City Accountant and David E. Moran, Assistant to the City Manager.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Lola & Steve Skolnik, Sheldon Goldberg; and Virginia Beauchamp, News Review.

Mr. McLaughlin began by providing a list of MNCPPC projects and program support items that had been faxed to the City from Council Member Peters' office. The list contained several items that Greenbelt receives on an annual basis. He called attention to two new items Mr. Peters had added totaling \$200,000. Mr. McLaughlin noted that staff was seeking clarification from Mr. Peters regarding how these monies could be used.

Mr. McLaughlin reviewed Mr. Moran's June 18 memo updating the Capital Projects Fund. He noted that the fund balance was higher than listed in the proposed FY 2005 budget primarily due to savings on street projects.

Council discussed the Metro roundabout project. Mr. McLaughlin stated that the revenue component was no longer there and that staff would recommend the City not proceed without a partner such as Metroland or WMATA that could help finance the project. Council agreed to defer the Metro Access roundabout.

There was discussion of the Attick Park restroom project. Mr. McLaughlin stated that \$113,500 was budgeted and that staff had encouraged him to increase the cost estimate. Mr. Roberts asked if this project could be completed for \$113,500. Ms. Craze responded no.

Council increased the restroom project to \$200,000 and agreed to reduce fund balance by \$86,500. Ms. Skolnik asked if \$200,000 would be enough. Ms. Craze responded yes, due primarily to the "economies of scale" of doing both the Public Works facility and restroom projects at the same time.

There was considerable discussion of the Greenbelt Lake Water Quality Study and the Hillside Outfall project. The proposed budget already included \$10,000 for the outfall project with \$5,000 offsetting revenue. Council agreed to include the water quality

testing, Hillside outfall, and improvements near the basketball court projects at a total cost of \$110,000 with offsetting grant revenue of \$55,000. This required reducing fund balance by an additional \$50,000.

#### Information Items

Mayor Davis reported that Sue Krofchik had called to compliment the Police Department for confiscating a skateboard. She also reported a compliment from Hunan Treasure based on a police response. She commented on a recent crosswalk sting performed by the Greenbelt police.

The meeting ended at 9:16p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Mora

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